

REMARKS

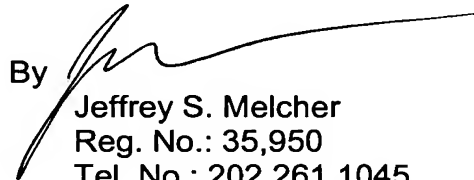
Consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 8-22 are pending in the application. Basis for new claims 8-2 can be found in the originally filed application including at original claims 1-7. The claims have been amended to remove reference numbers to the Figs., to replace "characterized in that" with "wherein," to remove multiple dependencies, and to recite preferred ranges in separate claims. No claims have been amended to overcome prior art or to narrow the claim breadth. No new matter has been added. The full doctrine of equivalents applies to each claim element.

Early and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

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